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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:) METHOD OF MELTING MATERIAL
JOSEPH SIRGEDAS) BETWEEN TELESCOPINGLY
Ser. No.: 09/722,775) ENGAGED ELEMENTS
Examined: L. Edmondson
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AMENDMENT "B"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- B). sub a) 1. (amended) A method of forming a meltable material at a joint between telescopingly engaged male and female elements, said method comprising the steps of:
directing the male element into the female element so that the male and female elements are telescopingly engaged and a radially facing joint surface on the female element surrounds a radially facing joint surface on the male element;

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